

Mary Barbara Vienneau, 91



Mary Barbara (Steeves) Vienneau, 91, passed away on March 22 surrounded by her loving children at her daughter's home in Ormond Beach, FL. She was predeceased by seven months by her late husband of 64 years, Laurence E. Vienneau.

Mary Barbara (O'Brien) Johnson was born on January 17, 1927. Her early childhood was spent in Boston. She was adopted at age 12 by Reginald and Obeline Steeves of Lynn.

She is survived by her sister Joanne Brady of Hayden, ID and her sister-in-law Barbara Doyle of Wakefield, MA. She is also survived by her seven children and their spouses: Laurence Jr. (Suhtling) of Lake Mary, FL., Michael (Barbara Condon) of Nantucket, Suzanne (Terry) of Ormond Beach, FL., Carol of Plymouth, Mary- Alyce (Phil Eberhardt) of East Quogue, NY., Joan Bunnell (Jimmy) of Kingston and Joseph (Lisa) of Austin,

TX. She leaves 12 grandchildren: Sarah Giragosian (Elise), Kelsey Tsinzo (Gregory), Jessie Brawner (Darian), Nellie (Sam) and Georgina (Chris) Morley, Hayley Bunnell (Nicholas), Morgan Brawner, Lawson and Sian Vienneau and Olivia, Michael and Emily Vienneau. She also leaves four nieces and four nephews.

Mary graduated from St Mary's High School in Lynn in 1946. She worked for the U.S. State Department, Office of German Affairs in Washington, DC, prior to marrying Laurence Vienneau on June 27, 1953. Mary and Larry moved to Marshfield in 1954 and then to Duxbury, where they raised their children. They also lived in Monument Beach and Plymouth before moving to Ormond Beach, FL in 2014.

Mary was a devoted wife and mother. She loved to sing, to speak with an "Irish brogue" and make others laugh. She was a lifelong devout Catholic. She enjoyed reading, discussing politics, spending time with her extended family and following Boston sports teams, especially the Red Sox and Celtics. Mary loved to travel and traveled extensively with her husband. Her favorite place to visit was Ireland; she felt a strong affinity to Irish culture.

The most important influence in her life was her beloved husband, Larry. They shared a profound love and devotion to each other, which was an inspiration to their children and grandchildren. Their 64 years of marriage and friendship was a gift and a treasured legacy.

A combined Celebration of Life service for Mary and Larry Vienneau will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 20, at 11:30 a.m. at Holy Family Church, Duxbury with Father Frank Cloherty officiating.